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Pennsylvania Egg Production Up 7 Percent in December

HARRISBURG, PA – Jan 24, 2011 - - Egg production in Pennsylvania during December 2010 totaled 623 million eggs, up 7 percent from the 584 million eggs produced in December 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 25.0 million during December, a 6 percent increase from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2491 eggs during the month, an increase of 10 eggs overall from December 2009. Broiler-type chicks hatched in Pennsylvania totaled 14.3 million during December 2010, a 1 percent increase from the number hatched in the same month a year earlier.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.90 billion during December 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.83 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2010 averaged 341 million, up one percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,313 eggs, up slightly from December 2009.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2010 totaled 37.9 million, down 4 percent from December 2009. Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2010 totaled 786 million, up 1 percent from December 2009. There were 22.7 million net poults placed during December 2010 in the United States, up 3 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier.

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